

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Cross Ranch State Park holds annual Winter Festival

Cross Ranch State Park (CRSP) is holding its annual Winter Festival on Saturday, Feb. 14 starting at noon and running through the early evening.

Because the Winter Festival coincides with Valentine's Day, the Cross Ranch State Park staff will make things a little more special for the kids and adults that participate. The Winter Festival is intended for all ages with games and activities available for everyone. Free soups, chili, beverages and snacks are available until they're gone. Some of the events are weather dependent, but backup activities are being planned just in case.

A scavenger hunt will be held from noon to 5 p.m. There is a Fort building contest from 1 to 2 p.m. open to all ages. A cross country ski, snowshoe and sled race starts at 2:30 p.m. CRSP offers cross country skis, snowshoes and sleds for the event. There are limited supplies so entrants without equipment are asked to sign up early. Learn how to build bluebird houses and bird feeders from 4:15 to 5 p.m. and these will go home with the participants. From 5 to 7 p.m. marshmallows will be toasted at the fire in the Visitor Center. Also from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be candlelight cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Again, the park has skis and snowshoes to rent.

Information about Cross Ranch State Park and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department can be found online at www.parkrec.nd.gov.